

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Report on 2005 elementary and secondary education legislation and the biennial budget (Attachments under separate cover)

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The Kentucky Board of Education adopted its 2005 Legislative Agenda at the October and December 2004 meetings and its budget recommendation for this biennium at the October 2003 meeting. Staff used the 2005 legislative agenda as a basis for our work with the legislature during the most recent session. At the February 2005 meeting, the Board approved a letter to the General Assembly members urging increased funding for education.

The session was intense, challenging legislators to consider multiple bills, enact tax modernization and approve a budget, all within the framework of a short session. A summary of the elementary and secondary education bills and the Governor's biennial budget will be sent to the board under separate cover.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

The Kentucky Board of Education's and Department's strategic plan, budget, and legislative agenda provide the framework and resources for helping all schools get to proficiency by 2014.

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